

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims, which replaces all previous versions and listings of the claims.

1. (previously presented) An assembly for use with a medical device, comprising:

a component configured for operation with the medical device; and

a radio frequency (RF) transmission device coupleable to the component and configured to transmit information regarding the component, wherein the component is configured to provide power to the RF transmission device.

2. (original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the radio frequency transmission device is configured to transmit the information regarding the component in response to a command from the medical device.

3. (original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, comprising a RF interrogator, wherein the RF transmission device transmits information about the component in response to a signal from the RF interrogator.

4. (original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the RF transmission device comprises a power source.

5. (canceled)

6. (original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the component is configured for replacement in an operating environment.

7. (original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the RF transmission device is configured to transmit the information regarding the component in response to a signal from an RF interrogator.

8. (previously presented) An imaging device system, comprising:
an imaging device;
a component located in the imaging device and configured for operation with the imaging device; and
a radio frequency (RF) transmitter configured to broadcast information regarding at least one of manufacture, maintenance, and installation of the component, wherein the RF transmitter is further configured to not broadcast during operation of the imaging device.

9. (original) The imaging device system as recited in claim 8, wherein the imaging device comprises a magnetic resonance imaging device.

10. (original) The imaging device system as recited in claim 8, wherein the imaging device comprises a computed tomography device.

11. (original) The imaging device system as recited in claim 8, comprising an RF reader configured to receive the information regarding the component from the RF transmitter.

12. (original) The imaging device system as recited in claim 8, comprising an RF interrogator, wherein the RF transmitter is configured to transmit the information regarding the component in response to a signal from the RF interrogator.

13. (original) The imaging device system as recited in claim 8, wherein the RF transmitter is located in the imaging device.

14. (original) The imaging device system as recited in claim 8, wherein the RF transmitter is coupled to the component.

15. (previously presented) A system for maintaining an medical device, comprising:

a medical device component for use within a medical device;

a radio frequency (RF) transmitter coupled to the medical device component and maintaining information related to the medical device component; and

a RF receiver configured to receive the information related to the medical device component from the RF transmitter

wherein the medical device, the medical device component, or a combination thereof is configured to communicate with the RF transmitter.

16. (original) The system as recited in claim 15, wherein the RF transmitter maintains information related to installation of the medical device component in the medical device.

17. (original) The system as recited in claim 15, wherein the RF transmitter maintains information related to the manufacture of the medical device component.

18. (original) The system as recited in claim 15, wherein the RF transmitter maintains information related to the maintenance of the medical device component.

19. (currently amended) A method for maintaining a medical device, comprising:

storing information regarding a component of the medical device in a radio frequency (RF) device coupled to the component;

activating the radio frequency (RF) device;

communicating between the component of the medical device and the radio frequency (RF) device;

receiving the information regarding the component via a transmission from the RF device; and

remotely communicating with the RF device over a network.

20. (original) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein activating comprises providing power to the RF device.

21. (original) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein activating comprises interrogating the RF device via an RF interrogator.

22. (original) The method as recited in claim 19, comprising determining a component list of the medical device via the information received from the RF device.

23. (original) The method as recited in claim 19, comprising determining whether service is warranted on the component of the medical device based upon the information received from the RF device.

24. (original) The method as recited in claim 19, comprising servicing the component of the medical device in response to the information received from the RF device.

25. (original) The method as recited in claim 19, comprising scheduling maintenance for the component of the medical device based upon the information received from the RF device.

26. (currently amended) A method for maintaining a medical device, comprising:

activating an active radio frequency (RF) device having information regarding at least one of maintenance, installation, and manufacture of a component of the medical device, wherein activating comprises powering the active RF device from the component of the medical device; and

receiving the information regarding the component via a transmission from the RF device.

27. (previously presented) A maintenance system for a medical device, comprising:

means for activating a radio frequency (RF) device having information regarding at least one of maintenance, installation, and manufacture of a component of the medical device;

means for receiving the information regarding the component of the medical device via a transmission from the RF device;

means for disabling the RF device from broadcasting during operation of the medical device; and

means for remotely communicating with the RF device.

28. (previously presented) A computer program for maintenance of an medical device, the computer program being located on one or more tangible media, comprising:

code for activating a radio frequency (RF) device having information regarding at least one of maintenance, installation, and manufacture of a component of the medical device;

code for receiving the information regarding the component via a transmission from the RF device;

code for remotely communicating with the RF device over a network; and

code for preventing the RF device from transmitting during operation of the medical device.

29. (currently amended) The computer program as recited in claim ~~27~~28, comprising code for scheduling maintenance of the medical device based upon the information regarding the component received from the RF device.

30. (new) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein activating comprises powering the radio frequency (RF) device from the component of the medical device.

31. (new) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein communicating comprises instructing the radio frequency (RF) device not to broadcast during operation of the medical device.